

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method for facilitating the purchase of telecommunication services, the method comprising:
 - storing in memory information associated with one or more of a plurality of service providers, the information being used to determine one or more responses to a request to purchase at least one telecommunication service, each of the one or more responses being associated with at least one of the plurality of service providers and each of the one or more responses being further associated with a related cost for the at least one telecommunication service and an indication associated with the geographic footprint wherein the telecommunication service is available;
 - establishing a session over a network for considering the purchase of the at least one telecommunication service;
 - receiving the request at a computer on the network, wherein the request is received after the information associated with one or more of a plurality of service providers is stored;
 - determining the at least one response in response to the received request based at least upon the indication associated with the geographical footprint; and
 - preventing a requester from accepting the identified response after the session is terminated.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - terminating the session.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

permitting access by service providers to the stored information during the session.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

denying access by the service providers to the stored information during the session.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

denying access by a service provider, during the session, to the stored information, wherein the response to which access is denied is the same as the at least one response.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

permitting each service provider to modify the stored information to reflect changes in the at least one telecommunication service provided by the service provider.

8. (Currently Amended) A system for provisioning telecommunication service, comprising:

a database containing a set of responses to purchase requests for telecommunication services, each response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering associated with a service provider, a related cost for the telecommunication service offering, and an indication associated with the geographic footprint wherein the telecommunication service is available, each response being determined based at least upon the indication associated with the geographical footprint;

a computer in communication with a network and the database, ~~to establish a session for~~ comprising a set of instructions, stored in a tangible medium and executed by one or more processors, performs a method comprising the steps of:

(i) receiving a purchase request on behalf of a buyer including information indicating a requested telecommunication service for at least one consumer,

- (ii) accessing the stored set of responses to purchase requests for at least one response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering capable of satisfying the requested telecommunication service for the at least one consumer,
- (iii) receiving an acceptance to the response during the session; and
- (iv) preventing the acceptance to the response after the session is terminated.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for purchasing telecommunication services during a session, the method comprising:
storing a set of responses in memory to purchase requests for telecommunication services, each response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering associated with a service provider, a related cost for the telecommunication service offering, and an indication associated with the geographic footprint wherein the telecommunication service is available, each response being determined based at least upon the indication associated with the geographical footprint:
receiving a purchase request at a computer on a network during the session including information indicating a requested telecommunication service;
accessing the stored set of responses to purchase requests during the session for at least one response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering capable of satisfying the requested telecommunication service;
permitting a requestor to accept the at least one response during the session;
preventing the requestor from accepting the at least one response after the session is terminated; and
preventing the service provider from modifying the set of responses during the session.